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Please enter the following amendments into the above-identified application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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